

# Hennock Primary School Newsletter

## *Message from Academy Head*

Dear Parents and Carers

It is with a great deal of sadness that I write this on my last day at Hennock. I feel very lucky to have had the experience of leading such a very special school.

Hennock has a fantastic staff of dedicated, nurturing and talented teachers, TA and support staff. It also has a wonderful community, a brilliantly supportive parent body and of course your amazing children.

I will miss Hennock tremendously and will be thinking of you all often.

With very best wishes

Sarah



## Ash Class



We have had a very busy fortnight in Ash Class!

Last week, our Year 6's completed their SATs. I am so incredibly proud of how each individual approached this week. They demonstrated resilience and maturity and have shown that they will be more than ready to take on their new secondary schools come September.

This week, in Maths the children have been working on their new Shape unit. We have explored how to measure in degrees and classify different types of angles.

In Science, the children experimented with water resistance. They used play-doh to create a shape that they then put forward into a class competition to see which shape would reach the bottom of a jug of water first! The shapes that performed the best had a lovely long,



smooth and streamlined shape, with a small surface area causing the least amount of water resistance.

We were also lucky enough to have a trip to Haven Banks! The children had a go at abseiling and caving and had a brilliant time.

Thank you also to our wonderful PTFA for the Year 6's Leavers Hoodies!

Have a lovely half-term break :)





## Birch Class



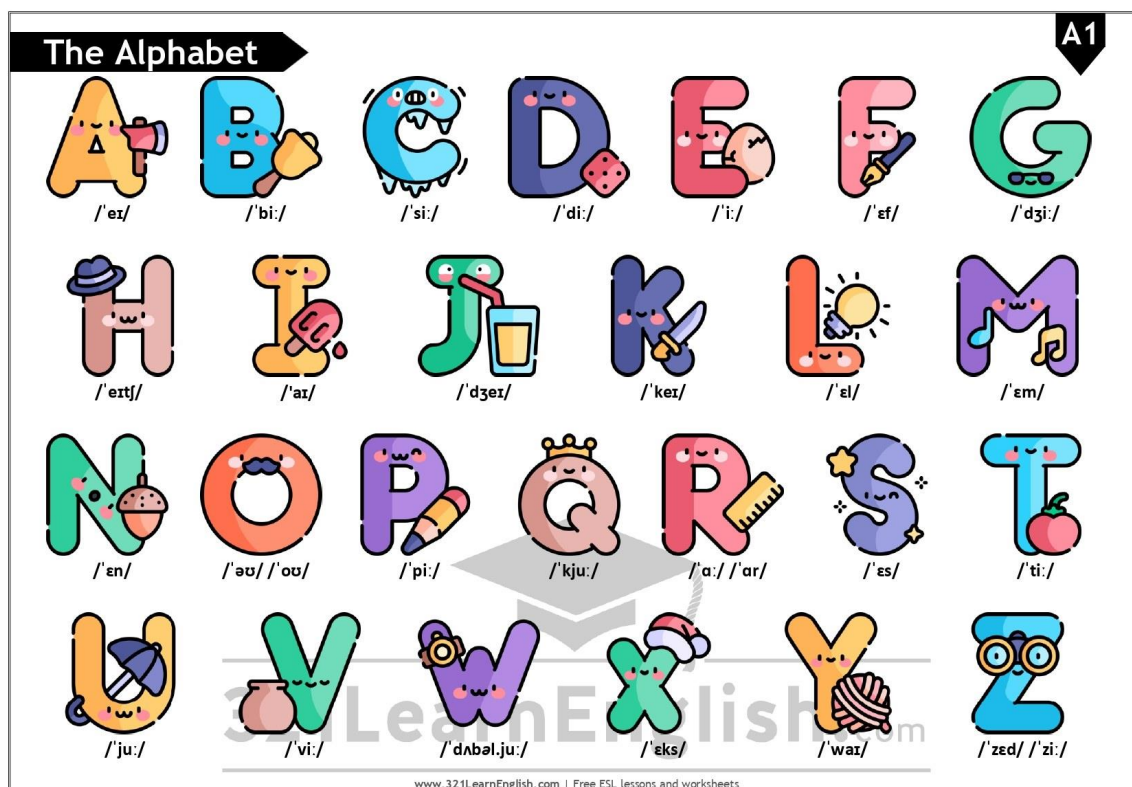
Wow!

What a fantastic half term it's been where we have been learning all about the Romans, botanical artists and the life cycle and process of plant reproduction.

The children were really excited to receive their scripts today for their parts in the Summer production and they are already excited to learn their lines.

Once we are back after half term, we will begin a weekly practice. Please support your child at home with their lines as the quicker they learn them and their cues the easier it is to work on the acting and staging part of things.





This half term's writing has been an absolute joy and I am so impressed by the quality of the writing and editing of the whole class! They have all made a significant leap in progress since Easter and I am really impressed.

This week, we have started our new writing unit on Paddington, which the children are excited about and it will be a really extensive piece of writing that I am excited to see the outcome of.

In Maths, we have completed our final unit on Fractions with all the children showing greater understanding of what is a really tricky concept.

I am also really impressed by the leap in timetable recall knowledge, which is something we are having a major push on as we build up to the Year 4 Multiplication check.

Please ensure your child is accessing TT Rockstars at home to ensure they can rapidly write the answer using a keyboard as that is the means of the assessment in June.

## Wider Curriculum



We have completed our unit on the Romans where the children have found out why the Roman's withdrew from Britain in 410AD. They were quite surprised and then wrote a diary entry as a Roman soldier facing the journey of having to march back to Rome to defend the city from Germanic invaders.

In Science, we have learnt about how plants reproduce through seed dispersal and the parts of the plant including the stamen, sepal and the stigma.

In Art, we created copies of illustrations by Botanical artist Katie Scott.

In P.E. we built on our bowling and catching skills where we played mini games which including batting and fielding.





### **Upcoming Events in Birch**

Year 4 Timestable Check - June 9th - 13th

Author Assembly - 16th June

### **Home learning -**

Reading for at least 10 minutes daily.

Please practice for at least 10 minutes 3 times a week

Spelling - Spelling checks are on Friday

Times tables - Times table checks are on Monday

Optional Homelearning projects- in Homelearning books

## Willows and Reception Class



And just like that it is half-term! Lets hope the sun keeps shining.

In Willows, we have created our final poems based on the book 'Tell Me a Dragon' and they were very impressive. We all worked hard on our presentation and being proud in what we have produced as well as using adventurous and imaginative word choices. We have been working hard on improving our handwriting and letter formation using our Letter Join program too.

Reception have been using the text 'Ruby plants a radish' as their model. We are working on creating our own concertina books where we have been working hard on writing sentences about the text.

We loved our Victorian dress up afternoon and learnt lots about how Victorian schools used to work and how the children were taught and disciplined. We didn't like the dunce hat! We also had some visitors who used to go to Hennock Primary school and they talked to us about what school was like for them, what has changed, what has stayed the same and showed us some old photographs. It was very interesting and we enjoyed asking questions.

In Science, we have been looking for microhabitats within the playground. We have been discovering what animals need from their habitats to survive and thinking about their diet and if they are carnivore, herbivore or an omnivore.

Have a wonderful break Willows.







## Saplings



This fortnight Saplings have had a lot of fun! We've been using lots of different musical instruments to accompany our singing including the glockenspiel! We have also had a lot of movement breaks and have been dancing and singing like flamingo's!

We have been looking at nature in the preschool garden. Finding different plants and mini beasts like snails and worms. We have been looking at how different mini beasts move and how we must be calm and kind to them.

Making the most of the wonderful weather we have been enjoying a lot of water play as well as practising our cutting skills, using play doh and colouring in intricate flowers, strengthening our fine motor skills.





## Toddler Group!





Come and join us for Toddler Group, we will restart on 4th July!

Come and join us for a chat, fun, tea and cake!

Running from 9.15-10:30am every Wednesday morning.

Tell your friends and family to spread the word.

£1.50 a session. Hennock Primary school. Please call or email if you have any questions;

[adminhennock@thelink.academy](mailto:adminhennock@thelink.academy)

01626 833233.

We look forward to welcoming you to our little school.





## PTFA Message



Dear all,

Thank you to those who came to our open meeting on Wednesday. We have recently donated money towards enrichment week, swimming lessons, performance essentials and year 6 leavers celebrations. We are planning our refreshment support for sports day and the end of term performances...more details to come. We are also very pleased to announce that we will be having our BARN DANCE again in October! Date to be confirmed!

We are still looking for support with the open chairpersons role as Sarah (and Nancy) leave at the end of this year. Taking it in as a shared role would be very welcome!

A big Thankyou to Mrs Reddington for all she has done to support the PTFA over the last couple of years. We wish her well in her new chapter.



Sarah and team.Hennockptfa@gmail.com

## Communications Team



We interviewed a member of Willows Class about their Victorian afternoon!

Q: What did you get up to?

A: Our teacher pretended to be really strict and we had to write on black boards instead of in our books.

Q: What part of the afternoon did you enjoy the most?

A: It was really funny when I had to wear the dunce hat!

Q: What did you learn about being a Victorian child?

A: That boys got treated much better than girls! We got to always go to the front of the line.

## *Star of the Week*



**2nd May**

**Ash:** All of Year 6   **Birch:** Finn   **Willows:** Ronnie

***Dojo Points:***

***Ash:*** Katie, Taya, Asa, Tommy

***Birch:*** Lyric

***Achievosaurus:*** Rupert

***Playground Hero:*** Albert

***Pride of School:*** Jessica

***Values Star:*** Rudy

***9th May***

***Ash:*** Myri ***Birch:*** Lyric and Mila ***Willows:*** Aiden

***Dojo Points:***

***Ash:*** Taya

***Birch:*** Rafe, Sophie, Agnes and Freddie

***Achievosaurus:*** Benji

***Playground Hero:*** Amelia

***Pride of School:*** Everybody in the school

***Values Star:*** Myri, Finley, Asa

## **Key Dates**

**PE with Mr Pierce Every Monday**

**Willows - Thursday**

**Birch - Fridays**

**Ash - Wednesdays**

- **Non-pupil day (staff training) Monday 2nd June**
- **Term restarts 3rd June**
- **Weekly Swimming for Ash Class starting Wednesday 4th June**
- **Teign School Parent Information Evening - Thursday 5th June (More info to follow from Teign School)**

- Sports Day 7th July (with a back up of 14th July in case of poor weather)
- Year 5 Taster Day at Teign School - Thursday 10th July (More info to follow from Teign School)
- KS2 Production 16th and 17th July - more information to follow
- Year 6 Transition Days at Teign School - Thursday 26th & Friday 27th July (More info to follow from Teign School)



## School Attendance

### *Attendance this fortnight:*

**Whole School 91.8%**

**Ash 93.9%**

**Birch 90.0%**

**Willows 91.0%**



## Attendance Matters



**PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING**

**1 FIRST OFFENCE**  
The **first** time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be: **£160 per parent, per child. This will be reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.**

**2 SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)**  
The **second** time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, the amount will be: **£160 per parent, per child, to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.**

**3 THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)**  
The **third** time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court.  
**Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a parent's future DBS certificate due to failure to safeguard a child's education.**



## Safeguarding



### Key contacts and useful links

Front Door (formerly MASH) main number: 0345 155 1071

Children's Social Care Emergency Duty Team (out of hours) – 0845 6000 388

Front Door email: [mashsecure@devon.gov.uk](mailto:mashsecure@devon.gov.uk)<sup>1</sup>

Our Safeguarding Lead is Sarah Reddington and our Deputy Safeguarding Lead is Issy Fraser. If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing, please contact the school or in non-school hours contact Front Door (formally known as MASH) on

**0345 155 1071**

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<sup>1</sup><mailto:mashsecure@devon.gov.uk>